

the Congressional Texas State Society, the Society of Martha Washington, and the Laredo Doll Club. A devoted Catholic, Connie was also a Lady in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Consuelo Raymond Kazen was born the 6th of May 1919 to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel J. and Santos Zapata Raymond Jr. who preceded her in death. Her beloved husband, Congressman Abraham "Chick" Kazen, Jr.; sisters, Teresa Raymond Flores and Mary Sanchez; and brother, Adolfo Raymond have also preceded her in death. Mrs. Kazen is survived by her sisters, Gloria Woods, Chabela Martinez and Zita Coffey; brothers, Manuel J. (Angelina) Raymond Jr. and Rolando (Amada) Raymond her children, Abraham Kazen III, Norma Kazen, Christina (Ronny) Attal, Catherine Kazen, and Jo Betsy Kazen as well as eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. She will be remembered as a "nurturing mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend" who will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to have the opportunity to honor the legacy of this great Laredoan, Consuelo Raymond Kazen. Her many contributions to South Texas and the City of Laredo will not be forgotten.

A TRIBUTE TO CAILIN STOCKDALE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Cailin Stockdale for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2015 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Cailin has the determination and drive to be successful in all of her pursuits, which is highlighted by her exemplary work with Boys & Girls Club of Central Iowa. As the Director of Marketing and Communication, she channels her compassion and desire to help others and grow this wonderful organization. In her free time she serves her community through volunteering with Everybody Wins! Iowa, GDMLI and The Principal Charity Classic's Networking on the Green Committee. In all aspects of her life, Cailin is an example of the hard work and service that makes our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Cailin in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Cailin on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work

and wishing each member of the 2015 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

THAILAND'S FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Freedom to say what you believe is a universal human right but certain rulers do not seem to get that.

On March 25th, Prayuth Chan-ocha, the junta leader and acting Prime Minister of Thailand warned journalists, "You don't have to support the government . . . but you should report the truth . . . or we'll probably just execute [you]."

Prayuth and his fellow generals took over the elected government in a coup last May. The country has been under martial law ever since then. Prayuth can ban any political gathering and the military can arrest and detain whoever whenever they want—including journalists.

This latest threat should be taken seriously. Freedom of speech is our first amendment for a reason. It's the building block of all other rights and to promote change for the good of the people.

The rulers in Thailand should immediately make clear that freedom of speech, including freedom of the press, is a right that all the people of Thailand can and should exercise.

And that's just the way it is.

YUSSRA HAMID'S ESSAY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Yussra Hamid attends Manvel High School in Manvel, Texas. The essay topic is: in your opinion, what role should government play in our lives?

Euthanasia is the "act or practice of killing or permitting the death of hopelessly sick or injured individuals . . . in a relatively painless way". Throughout the 20th century there were events that brought the legalities of euthanasia to the spotlight of American politics, and recently, euthanasia has once again emerged as a topic of debate amongst the American public. Brittany Maynard, a twenty-nine year old American diagnosed with malignant brain cancer (she was given six months to live), died on November 1st by taking a lethal dose of medication in Oregon where assisted suicide is permitted.

Before her death, Maynard defended her decision by stating that she would rather die with dignity than suffer the harsh symptoms her brain cancer would inflict upon her. The case of Brittany Maynard facilitated great discussion over the topic of euthanasia and whether it should be made legal across the United States of America or not. While advocates for assisted suicide may appear to have a compelling argument, euthanasia should not be permitted because its legalization will corrupt the medical field and assisted suicide is not protected by the Constitution.

When practicing, medical personnel are required to abide by the Hippocratic Oath, an affidavit that establishes that physicians will "[will not] give a deadly drug to anybody who [asks] for it." Opponents of assisted suicide state that if euthanasia were legalized, it would breach the oath. Dr. Leon Mass of President's Council on Bioethics argued that physicians should not participate in the administration of lethal drugs because "the taboo against doctors killing patients . . . is the embodiment of reason and wisdom . . . without it, medicine will have lost its claim to be an ethical and trustworthy profession". The practice would cause the deterioration of physician-patient relationships because the patient would not know if the doctor has his/her best interest in mind or if (the physician is receiving money from euthanasia advocates for promoting the practice or from insurance companies that no longer want to cover the terminally ill patient. While terminal diseases generally do lead to the fast death of the individual, such pressure on a patient could cause him/her to make an impulsive decision that would violate the patient's right to the pursuit of happiness, one guaranteed by the US Constitution.

As cases like Maynard's gain attention, euthanasia will continue to spur controversy and its legality will be questioned in the Supreme Court. However, until the world becomes a utopian society where malpractice is nonexistent, euthanasia should be illegal because the practice violates the basic principles of medicine and the Constitution.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID WOLNERMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Wolnerman of Des Moines, Iowa, for his bravery and resiliency during a very dark time in world history. David was born in Mocev, Poland, to Pinchas and Hannah Wolnerman and at the age of 12 was taken to his first work camp. Not long after, David was moved to a concentration camp, before he was ultimately liberated by General Dwight D. Eisenhower at Dachau. It wasn't until after his time in the concentration camps that he met his wife Jennie. After the war, Jennie and David lived in Munich, Germany, before eventually making their way to the United States.

David and his family currently reside in Des Moines, and as the last Holocaust survivor in the state David has the unique opportunity to tell his story. Later this week he will be recognized by the Greater Des Moines Jewish Federation for his accomplishment and a book detailing his life experiences will be shared with the world.

I would like to thank David for his dedication to the State of Iowa and showing us just how

resilient the human spirit can be. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating David and his family for their accomplishments. I wish them nothing but the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING CAROL SCHATZ'S
TENURE AS PRESIDENT/CEO OF
CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION OF
LOS ANGELES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carol Schatz on being honored with the Heart of the City Award at this year's "Treasures of Los Angeles" luncheon. As president and chief executive officer of the Central City Association (CCA) of Los Angeles, Carol has played an integral role in making Los Angeles one of the world's great cities—a growing and thriving metropolis, welcoming to businesses, investors, developers, and travelers.

This year, Carol celebrates her 25th year at the Central City Association of Los Angeles. That is a remarkable milestone, and it is worth reviewing her successes during that time.

Under Carol's leadership, CCA has been one of the leading business advocacy organizations in the City and County of Los Angeles, coordinating with community leaders and elected officials to make Los Angeles a better place to live and work.

In Downtown Los Angeles, development and investment are at record levels. Downtown is now home to more than 50,000 residents, with units to house another 15,000 under construction or in the process of being approved.

Carol has played a critical role in Downtown's renaissance. At her direction, CCA has worked to transform and revitalize the area through a broad set of strategies ranging from mixed-use/mixed-income projects to new transportation amenities. Carol initiated an Adaptive Reuse Ordinance to make Downtown a housing destination, and coordinated state funding and incentives to help developers turn empty office buildings into brand-new housing. CCA also joined with the Los Angeles City Council to help reinstitute the Civic Center Authority, which developed a master plan for the area.

In 1997, Carol's efforts led to the creation of the Downtown Center Business Improvement District, a coalition of property owners in the heart of Downtown L.A. With Carol at its helm, the DCBID has brought substantial new residential and commercial investment to Downtown, and has made it a safer and cleaner place to live.

Carol Schatz's vision, hard work, and perseverance have garnered her much praise from city and state leaders, and the "Heart of the City" award is just the latest well-deserved example. I have worked with Carol for many years to keep Los Angeles moving forward, and am proud to call her a friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this great honor.

HONORING MATT COLIN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congressman TED DEUTCH to congratulate Head Coach Matt Colin, a dear family friend, for his outstanding leadership with the Wellington High School Boys' Basketball team. On February 29, he—alongside his brother Mike Colin, varsity Assistant Coach—led the Wolverines to their first state championship.

Coach Colin's leadership has been widely recognized. He received the "Coach of the Year" from the Florida High School Athletic League for 8A Basketball.

In addition to the state championship, Coach Colin guided the Wolverines through a historic season record of 29–3 and the program's longest winning streak of 16 consecutive wins.

In pursuit of their first state championship, the Wolverines adopted the San Antonio Spurs' "Pound the Rock" mantra. Coach Colin used this phrase to motivate his students to persevere throughout the season, despite all odds. This is a principle that rings true in all aspects of life and has helped his students grow into leaders among their peers.

It brings me great joy to honor his leadership and mentorship in our community. I wish Coach Colin and the Wolverines continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO JOE STOPULOS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Joe Stopulos for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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Joe has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work with Holmes Murphy & Associates Inc. As an Account Executive, his work-ethic and determination allow him to continuously grow his sales business. In his free time Joe likes to dedicate himself to serving others and being a leader in his community, volunteering at numerous church activities and leadership events. In all aspects of his life, Joe is an example of the hard work and service that makes our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Joe in the United States

Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Joe on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2015 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBRARIES OF
JACKSON, MICHIGAN

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich tradition of libraries serving Jackson, Michigan.

Libraries in our community date back to March 15, 1864 when the Young Men's Association (YMA) established a reading room. In late 1865, it turned into a subscription library for YMA members.

In 1885, the Jackson Public Library was formed following a new law allowing cities to use tax revenue to support a free public library.

In 1929, the Jackson County Library was created for residents living outside the city of Jackson.

The two separate entities merged together in 1978 to form the Jackson District Library.

Today, the Jackson District Library is a vital anchor of the Jackson community where residents of all ages come to learn, research, and discover.

From story-time for children to researching family histories to taking an online course, the library provides a wide range of services.

A hub for community activity, the library will coordinate a festival in May 2015 for nationally recognized storytellers where over eleven thousand children will attend.

The Jackson District Library is a place where residents gather freely to learn and discuss the important issues of the day and where they are continually inspired to acquire more knowledge and skills.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating 150 years of libraries in Jackson County, thank these institutions for all they contribute to the community, and wish them another 150 years of success.

A TRIBUTE TO MIKE TAYLOR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mike Taylor for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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